

IN THE CLAIMS:

Revise the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle having a flexible reservoir for containing a material and comprising a cross-sectional area of increasing dimension therethroughout; and
a plurality of bristles through which the material is passable to and/or from the reservoir.

2. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 1, wherein both the handle and bristles are made of a material selected from the group consisting of silicone and elastomer.

3. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein both the handle and bristles are made of the same material.

4. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle containing the reservoir is adapted to be held and applied by one hand.

5. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle has a length between 5 and 20 cm.

6. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle has a greater transverse dimension between 3 and 6 cm.

7. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the reservoir has an internal volume between 10 and 80 cubic cm.

8. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising a nozzle coupled to the handle, the nozzle being adapted to be manually disconnected from the handle and including the bristles.

9. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein the nozzle and handle are adapted to be detachably engaged to one another by use of complementary shaped features.

10. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein the nozzle includes a cross channel through which an item within the reservoir can be dispensed.

11. (Original) The brush according to claim 10, wherein the bristles extend from an end of the nozzle opposite an end interconnected to the handle, the bristles distributed around an outlet of the cross channel.

12. (Original) The brush according to claim 11, wherein the bristles are substantially evenly distributed around the cross channel to form at least one ring of bristles around the cross channel.

13. (Original) The brush according to claim 12, wherein three concentric rings of bristles are distributed around the cross channel.

14. (Original) The brush according to claim 11, wherein each of the bristles has a length of between 15 and 40 mm.

15. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein one of the handle and the nozzle includes at least one annular groove and the other of the handle and the nozzle includes a ridge adapted to be detachably coupled to the groove.

16. (Original) The brush according to claim 15, wherein said one of the handle and the nozzle including the at least one annular groove includes a tubular portion in which the groove is disposed.

17. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein one of the handle and the nozzle includes three annular grooves centered on a common axis and the other of the handle and the nozzle includes three ridges, each of the ridges adapted to be detachably coupled to a respective one of the three grooves.

18. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein the handle, the nozzle and the bristles are made from different materials.

19. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle is adapted to elastically deform such that the reservoir within the handle returns to a non-compressed shaped upon release of a compressive force on the handle.

20. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an inner surface defining the reservoir that contains a continuous curvature such that the entire reservoir is directly accessible from an opening to the reservoir.

21. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an internal reservoir extending from a closed end point to a circular shaped open end.

22. (Original) The brush according to claim 21, wherein the internal reservoir has an internal concave surface extending from the closed end point to the circular shaped open end and a cross-sectional area of the reservoir increases from the closed end point to the circular shaped open end.

23. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle has a shape of an elongated spindle.

24. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an externally disposed rib, and the rib includes an orifice.

25. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the bristles are made from a thermoplastic material.

26. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising a nozzle coupled to the handle, the nozzle being adapted to be manually disconnected from the handle and including the bristles, and the nozzle is made from a thermoplastic material.

27. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising a nozzle coupled to the handle, the nozzle being adapted to be manually disconnected from the handle and including the bristles, and the nozzle is made from metal.

28. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an opening for the reservoir, and the brush further comprises a plug detachably connected to the handle to block the opening.

29. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising at least one hollow bristle in communication with the reservoir.

30. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the bristles are arranged in rows.

31. (Original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein the handle is made partially from silicone or elastomer.

32. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:
a handle having a flexible reservoir for containing a material; and
a nozzle coupled to the handle, and adapted to be manually disconnected therefrom, the handle comprising a cross-sectional area ~~expanding toward coupling therewith~~ of increasing dimension beginning at a point most opposite coupling thereof to the nozzle and extending to the junction of the nozzle with the reservoir.

33. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 32, wherein both the handle and nozzle are made of a material selected from the group consisting of silicone and elastomer.

34. (Original) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the handle and nozzle are made from the same material.

35. (Original) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the handle is adapted to elastically deform such that the reservoir within the handle returns to a non-compressed shaped upon release of a compressive force on the handle.

36. (Original) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the handle includes an internal reservoir extending from a closed end point to a circular shaped open end.

37. (Original) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the nozzle includes at least one hollow bristle in communication with the reservoir when the nozzle and handle are coupled.

38. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:
a silicone handle having a silicone flexible reservoir for containing a material; and
a silicone nozzle coupled to the handle, and adapted to be manually disconnected therefrom, the handle comprising an increasing cross-sectional area therethroughout ~~expanding toward coupling therewith~~, the silicone nozzle comprising flexible silicone bristles extending therefrom.

39. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle is adapted to elastically deform such that the reservoir within the handle returns to a non-compressed shaped upon release of a compressive force on the handle.

40. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle includes an inner surface defining the reservoir that contains a continuous curvature such that the entire reservoir is directly accessible from an opening to the reservoir.

41. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle includes an internal reservoir extending from a closed end point to a circular shaped open end.

42. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 42, wherein the internal reservoir has an internal concave surface extending from the closed end point to the circular shaped open end and a cross-sectional area of the reservoir increases from the closed end point to the circular shaped open end.

43. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle has a shape of an elongated spindle.

44. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle includes an externally disposed rib, and the rib includes an orifice.

45. (New) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising an opening and a reservoir communicable therewith for dispensing a material, the reservoir defined by a surface, relative to the longitudinal axis thereof, comprising a concavity beginning at a point thereof furthestmost from the opening and substantially extending thereto;

a nozzle defining a channel terminating in an opening through which the material is passable to and/or from the reservoir, the nozzle comprising a plurality of bristles for application of the material to an intended surface, each of the bristles being substantially collapsible to enable delivery of a material from such surface through the opening and into the reservoir; and

an arcuate member extending longitudinally across the handle, and comprising a curvature substantially defined by the concavity defining the reservoir, and further comprising an aperture therein.

46. (New) A culinary brush, comprising:

a first part comprising a reservoir for containing a material;

a second part operatively coupled to the first part to pass the material between the first part and an intended surface, the first part comprising a cross-sectional area increasing in dimension from a point thereof most opposite coupling of the first and second parts to such coupling.

47. (New) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising a material-containing reservoir of increasing cross-sectional area therethroughout;

a nozzle operatively coupled with the handle for directing material from and/or into the reservoir, and comprising a plurality of bristles adapted for carrying the material between the reservoir and an intended surface, and for applying such material to such surface.

48. (New) A culinary brush, comprising:

a plurality of portions, at least one thereof comprising a reservoir for containing a material, the reservoir comprising a cross-sectional area substantially defining the peripheral surface of its constituent portion, such surface being elastically deformable whereby upon receipt of a compressive force material contained within the reservoir may be dispensed therefrom through a second of the plurality of portions, and whereby upon release of the aforesaid compressive force, material may be introduced into the reservoir from a surface communicable with the second portion, the second portion comprising a plurality of bristles for facilitating

movement of the material between the plurality of portions and an intended surface, and for applying such material to such surface.

49. (New) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising a reservoir for containing a material, and a cross-sectional area of increasing dimension therethroughout;

a nozzle operatively coupled to the handle, and comprising a channel therethrough cooperable with a plurality of bristles, each thereof operable to communicate material between the reservoir and an intended surface.